Report on the Gordon Conference on Phagocytes

Proctor Academy, Andover, N.H., July 1 to 5, 1985

Scientific program

The presentations are listed in the attached, updated program which contains the modifications made during the conference. As planned, main emphasis was given to the mechanisms of signal transduction and the biochemical properties of the respiratory burst oxidase.

The session chairpersons had been instructed to stimulate and facilitate discussion. Their role and the obvious competence of a large proportion of the participants have helped to make the conference particularly lively and participative. On average, discussion was about 2/5 of the total time of the sessions.

Participants

The Gordon Conference Office received 153 applications until May 17 and an estimated 20 - 30 applications after that date. Attendance, however, was only 129, well below the maximum of 150. This unfortunate outcome was the consequence of inefficient management at the Gordon Conference Office. Many applicants were notified much too late that they had been accepted. The list of the participants is available on request at my address.

Financing

The following agencies have supported the conference:

1. Gordon Conference Office	$ 10.500.-
2. Office of Naval Research	$ 10.000.-
3. Council for Tobacco Research	$ 2.500.-
4. National Science Foundation	$ 2.000.-
5. National Institutes of Health	$ 1.500.-

This money was used to pay the travel expenses and/or conference fee of 44 invited participants and the conference fee of 5 young graduates in need uf a subsidy.

No other expenses were covered. Travel expenses were reimbursed on the basis of the lowest ticket fare and care was taken to avoid payments to participants supported by other sources.

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